

133. (New) The method of claim 60, further comprising the step of monitoring an intensity of the stimulating rays emitted from the organic EL device.

134. (New) The method of claim 133, further comprising the step of modulating the emission intensity of the organic EL device in accordance with a result of the monitoring step.

135. (New) The method of claim 134, wherein the modulating step is performed such that the emission intensity of the organic EL device becomes equal to a predetermined value.

136. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising the step of monitoring an intensity of the stimulating rays emitted from the organic EL device.

137. (New) The method of claim 136, further comprising the step of modulating the emission intensity of the organic EL device in accordance with a result of the monitoring step.

138. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the modulating step is performed such that the emission intensity of the organic EL device becomes equal to a predetermined value.

139. (New) The apparatus of claim 126, further comprising a monitoring means for monitoring an intensity of the stimulating rays emitted from the organic EL device.

140. (New) The apparatus of claim 139, further comprising a modulating means for modulating the emission intensity of the organic EL device in accordance with the monitored intensity.

141. (New) The apparatus of claim 140, wherein the emission intensity of the organic EL device is modulated to be equal to a predetermined value.

142. (New) The apparatus of claim 132, further comprising a monitoring means for monitoring an intensity of the stimulating rays emitted from the organic EL device.

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143. (New) The apparatus of claim 142, further comprising a modulating means for modulating the emission intensity of the organic EL device in accordance with the monitored intensity.

144. (New) The apparatus of claim 143, wherein the emission intensity of the organic EL device is modulated to be equal to a predetermined value.

145. (New) The method of claim 60, further comprising reflecting the stimulating rays toward a surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet with a mirror, and wherein light emitted from the stimuable phosphor sheet is transmitted through the mirror to provide optical path overlap between emitted light and light output from the light source.

146. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising reflecting the stimulating rays toward a surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet with a mirror, and wherein light emitted from the stimuable phosphor sheet is transmitted through the mirror to provide optical path overlap between emitted light and light output from the light source.

147. (New) The apparatus of claim 126, further comprising a mirror disposed to direct light from the line light source to a surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet, said mirror transmitting light emitted from the stimuable phosphor sheet, said mirror causing at least partial optical path overlap of the emitted light and light from the light source.

148. (New) The apparatus of claim 132, further comprising a mirror disposed to direct light from the line light source to a surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet, said mirror transmitting light emitted from the stimuable phosphor sheet, said mirror causing at least partial optical path overlap of the emitted light and light from the light source.

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149. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the stimuable phosphor sheet is permeable to the emitted light and the emitted light is received from the back surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet.

150. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the stimuable phosphor sheet is permeable to the emitted light and the emitted light is received from the back surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet.

151. (New) The apparatus of claim 126, wherein the stimuable phosphor sheet is permeable to the emitted light and the emitted light is received from the back surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet.

152. (New) The apparatus of claim 132, wherein the stimuable phosphor sheet is permeable to the emitted light and the emitted light is received from the back surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet.

REMARKS

Claims 60, 66, 126, 132 and 133-152 are all the claims now pending in the application. The specification stands objected to for containing informalities and for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Claims 60 and 126 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saotome (USP 5,038,037) in view of Nakamura et al. (USP 5,427,858, hereinafter "Nakamura"). Claims 66 and 132 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saotome in view of Nakamura and Gilblom et al. (USP 5,747,825, hereinafter "Gilblom").